



# SUPPORTING INDIANA'S FIRST RESPONDERS

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## Hoosiers Answer Pleas for Help Following Hurricane Katrina

Hoosier First Responders answered Mississippi's call for help following Hurricane Katrina. Indiana sent 500 state employees and volunteers and 2,500 members of the Indiana National Guard to Biloxi, MS.

During their six week deployment at Camp Indiana,

- ◆ Medical and Mental health teams treated over 21,000 patients.
- ◆ Medical teams dispensed nearly 7,000 inoculations.
- ◆ Law enforcement teams responded to more than 1,200 incidents and made 300 arrests.
- ◆ DNR forestry teams removed thousands of trees.
- ◆ Hoosier Helpers drove over 3,000 miles and assisted 600 motorists.

## ATC Helps Save Hoosier Tax Dollars

The Alcohol and Tobacco Commission was highlighted in Governor Mitch Daniels' Second Government Performance Report for saving Hoosier taxpayers \$30,000.

ATC tested the market for new 800MHz Radios and discovered that an alternate supplier could provide the necessary radios at \$30,000 less cost.

Governor Daniels is encouraging all departments in state government to find ways to save money.

To date, efforts by the Daniels Administration have saved Hoosiers a quarter of billion dollars.

## GOVERNOR MITCH DANIELS SIGNS LAW TO CREATE REGIONAL FIRE ACADEMIES

Governor Mitch Daniels signed into law legislation long sought by Indiana's professional firefighters which will create regional fire training academies in the state.

Everywhere I traveled as a candidate, I learned from firefighters about their longtime dream of a fire academy like other states have," Daniels said. "I committed to get this done, and today we do."

The academies will be funded through a new tax on fireworks purchased in Indiana.

"Indiana has lagged behind the nation in state-supported firefighter training," said Indiana Fire Marshal Roger Johnson. "This bill is a giant step forward for firefighter safety, which is directly linked to the amount of education our firefighters receive."

That revenue will also help create a disaster assistance fund to help local communities recover from natural disasters that do not qualify for federal disaster assistance.

Many firefighter groups in Indiana supported the fireworks legislation because it provided money for the training academies.



Firefighters from around the state join Governor Mitch Daniels as he signs into law legislation that creates Indiana's first regional fire training academies. Homeland Security Director J. Eric Dietz (left), Rep. Dave Frizzell (right), and State Fire Marshall Roger Johnson (far right) are seated with Governor Daniels at the bill signing which took place at Indianapolis Fire Station 13.

## Indiana's Tough New Meth Initiative is Working

Indiana's tough new law to protect Hoosiers from the scourge of Methamphetamine is working.

- ◆ Drug Lab Arrests by the Indiana State Police have been cut by 2/3rd since March.
- ◆ Indiana's new Anti-Meth Law is working to block drug makers from the ingredients used to cook meth.
- ◆ Meth is the top priority at the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute with the creation of a special Meth Suppression Unit.
- ◆ In December, Gov. Daniels hosted 13 Midwestern States to share lessons learned about the War against Meth.

## GOV. GIVES TROOPERS RAISES

Indiana State Police will receive their first pay increase in over two years. Gov. Daniels made the announcement during the graduation ceremony for 36 new state troopers.

The raises will increase the starting pay for a rookie by \$6,000 per year. 55% of the total pay raise will benefit troopers with 10+ years of experience.

The money for the raises came from the annual police payments to the State by the new private operators of the Indiana Toll Road. Those funds will also nearly double the number of troopers patrolling the Toll Road.

The raises also apply to Capitol Police, DNR, Motor Carrier, and ATC officers.

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